Subject No. 364.

Restoration of Bavali Anikat necessary.

Summary of discussion.—For the last 4 or 5 years, the raiyats of Yentahalli have not been able to raise any crop on their lands for want of sufficient and seasonable rain and hence have become paupers. They are earning their livelihood as coolies and if the old anikat across the Bavali river be not soon repaired, there is fear of the raiyats emigrating to Her Majesty's Territory and render the village desolate.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 365.

Relief of raiyats from duty of clearing weeds in channels.

Summary of discussion.—When raiyats complain of deficient water-supply for their fields, a common answer of the P. W. D. is that the raiyats are themselves to blame because weeds have not been well cleared. As the raiyats pay Irrigation cess, it is requested that this work may be undertaken by the P. W. D. At present weed clearing is regarded as raiyats' work and there is great inconvenience and hardship in this. The liability cannot be distributed equally among raiyats benefited by the channel as weeds grow thick in some places only, and scarcely at all in other places, and it is as unjust to require the nearest raiyats to clear the weeds for the benefit of raiyats holding lands lower down as it is difficult for the latter to neglect their field work and go long distances to clear the weeds. As between rich and influential people and poor and weak people, the liability practically falls more on the latter than on the former. Oftentimes the D. P. W. refuse to open head sluices and let water in the channel until the weeds are properly cleared. There are different standards for weed clearing. The D. P. W. often want weeds to be rooted out and the earth displaced by such uprooting to be removed. Uprooting is no light work as those know who have had experience of it, and oftentimes this in a way is doing the work of the silt clearing contractor. Raiyats holding land under Cauvery and Kapila channels, pay a special Irrigation Cess of 8 annas per khandi for channel conservancy and repair and therefore beg that they may be relieved of weed clearing as they have been relieved of silt clearing.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is under the consideration of Government.

Subject No. 366.

Sanskrit and English schools required for Sosale.

Summary of discussion.—It would be very convenient if a Sanskrit and English school be opened at Sosale for the education of boys. This place is the Head-quarters of Sri Vyasarayaswami Matt. Sanskrit and English schools are necessary. It is prayed that they may be established.

Dewan's reply.—Represent to the Deputy Commissioner about the English class. There is no reason why the Matt at Sosale should not establish a school for Sanskrit.

Subject No. 367.

Improvement of the Talkad (Madhavamantri) Anikat.

Summary of discussion.—The Madhavamantri Anikat at Talkad is not high enough to convey a sufficient head of water from the river into the head sluice. The lands below the channel being situated on a rather high level do not (except